Sabha on the 8th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what were the reasons for not selecting two Scheduled Caste candidates, out of three who had passed the qualifying examination, for the posts of the Assistant Operating Superintendent l_n the South Central Railway, while two vacancies were reserved for them;

(b) whether the unfilled vacancies have been dereserved; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it would be possible to fill up the vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Castes in the above category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) They were not considered suitable by the Selection Committee based on their overall performance.

(b) Selection was conducted against 12 vacancies out of which 2 were reserved for Scheduled Castes. However, only 6 candidates (5 General and 1 Scheduled Caste) were found suitable. Out of these 6 vacancies only one was due for Scheduled Caste. As such, the question of de-reserving any vacancy does not arise.

(c) Another selection has been initiated and reserved vacancies will be filled up following the extent rules in the matter.

Bad Climate Allowance to Railway Employees

3298. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for giving bad climate allowance to the railway employees;

'(b) if so, whether such allowance is being given to railway employees at Yerraguntla in Guntakal division of South Central Railway;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yerraguntla has not been declared as an unhealthy locality.

राजस्थान में नावा से सीकर नगर तक रेलवे लाइन का बनाया जाना

3299. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि स्वतन्त्रता प्राप्ति के समय नावा, जिला नागौर से दातारामगढ़ होकर सीकर शहर (राजस्थान) तक रेलवे लाइन बनाने के लिये एक सर्वेक्षण किया गया था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त रेलवे लाइन के अब तक न बनाये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और इसे बनाये जाने का निश्चित समय बताया जाये ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Liberal Visa Rules for Indians holding Foreign Passports

3300. SHRI CHTMANBHAI MEHTA; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to liberalise Visa Rules for Indians abroad who are holding foreign